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NATIONAL GAY MOBILIZATION

On November 23, 24 and 25 a convention will be held in Urbana, Ill. for the purpose of planning a peaceful, massive march on Washington, D.C. calling for the repeal of all sodomy and solicitation laws and also for full civil rights and human rights for Gays. The active participation of all Gay groups throughout the country is necessary for the setting of the date of the march, the laying out of the specifics of the demands, and the establishing of national and regional coordination. Some gay groups have indicated a desire to allow the convention to decide these things without their own participation. The National

Gay Mobilizing Committee realizes that transportation and mobilization are fundamental to the success of the march and that every gay person in the country should be informed of the time, place, and over-all strategy of the operation. The task of the NGMC is to get us to Washington, D.C. "Women must be assured of an equal number of speakers at the demonstration. Black Gays must be given ample representation on the speakers list, along with other Third World Gays." The NGMC is anxious that no false publicity or advance notices will alienate any factions. Endorsement of the cause is also important. The

size of the convention will determine the size of the march itself. Attendance by individuals and delegates from Gay groups are urgently sought. Republicans, Democrats, and Socialists of various persuasions are putting great effort into the building of this convention.

Locals and regions east of the Rockie Mountains should project the following goals for attendance in Urbana:

1. Gay organizations such as bars and clubs, within the local or region. Large delegations are welcome and should strive for sexual balance with strong Third World representation. The NGMC feels that it is of utmost importance that Gay groups in the large cities consolidate forces into regional centers of the NGMC.

2. Speakers are needed for the convention and rally. Please send in names of people who wish to speak.

3. As soon as a city forms a re-

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other side vs. back bay civic ass.

A libel suit for \$500,000 dollars is being brought against Dr. Lawrence Geoghegan, former president of the Bay Village Association, by the Vara brothers, owners of Jacques and The Other Side, two gay bars in the Bay Village area of Boston. The suit came about as a result of allegedly slanderous remarks that the Vara brothers claim were made by Dr. Geoghegan at a June 7 meeting of the Bay Village Association. The Varas claim that Geoghegan "falsely and maliciously stated that there had been obvious corruption of the Boston Licensing Board with respect to the decision of said Board to restore the 2 am closing provisions of the two licences, the defendant meaning thereby that the plaintiff (Varas) had bribed members of said Board to procure the decision restoring the 2 am provisions of said licences."

Reacting to complaints from residents of Bay Village about late-night noise, violence, increased automobile circulation and parking causing a fire hazard, the Board voted after an April 30 meeting to order the bars to close at 1:00 am, the order taking effect April 18, 1973.

On May 30 the Licensing Board reversed its original deci-

sion, and the bars were once again allowed to stay open until 2 am. Board member Clarence Elam, one of the two members to vote differently after the second hearing (William Arrigal also changed his mind, Chairman Charles Byrne voted against the later closing both times), explained to GCN that in the first hearing only the Bay Village Association had presented its view, which apparently convinced the Board of the necessity of closing the bars earlier. The Vara brothers appealed this decision to the Alcoholic Beverages Commission, who presented their case at the second hearing, and it was after hearing what the ABC had to say that Elam and Arrigal changed their minds. Elam assured GCN that he knew of no corruption in the licensing Board, and termed Dr. Geoghegan's remarks "rather wild."

Dr. Geoghegan claims he does not remember saying the Board was corrupt at the time and place the Varas claim he did, but he adds that he may well have as he believes it to be true. He, and the 21 members of the newly-formed Citizens Fund for the Defense of Larry Geoghegan, believe "the remarks made by Dr. Geoghegan to be within the proper framework of the right of free

GAY NURSES MEET

The formation of a new organization of gay nurses was announced recently in Philadelphia and has already given birth to a sister organization here in Boston. Called the Gay Nurses Alliance (GNA), the group has been formed "to provide a forum where gay nurses can talk together, raise the consciousness of all nurses to the existence of discrimination against peers and patients who are homosexual, and make information and current literature available that refute the homophobic, middle class, stereotypic, Judeo-Christian views of homosexuality which continue to cause such discrimination and oppression." Spokespersons for the Gay Nurses Alliance hold that the prevailing myth that gay people exist outside of the nursing profession inhibits gay nurses from fulfilling their professional and private lives. Moreover, the spokespersons maintained that failure by the nursing profession to recognize the depth and true meaning of gay love relationships continues to antagonize and distress gay

patients. "Nurses have a professional and human responsibility to emerge from the darkness of prejudicial psychiatric theories, vindictive myths and oppressive stereotypes into the light of responsibility to emerge from the sponable truths and freer expressions of human potential without regard for sexual preference," one member of the new organization claimed.

The Boston group was started "to exist as a branch of the Pennsylvania group in order to promote unity and more effective functioning of the organization." Several gay and straight nurses are members of the Massachusetts caucus which invites more straight nurses interested in human rights to join the ranks.

For more information or if you wish to make a contribution contact John Lawrence, R.N., 419 Boylston Street, Room 403, Boston, Ma. 02116, or call 266-5473. Added note: All names and information will be considered strictly confidential unless the individual gives specific permission to use his/her name.

speech of every citizen," as the group states in letters addressed to the 201 Bay Village residents who signed a petition in January in favor of the bars closing earlier.

The Varas felt it would be "unfair" for them to make any comment before the case is brought to court, but GCN was able to speak with Frank Cashman, manager of The Other Side. Mr. Cash-

man was of the opinion that the Varas were doing what was their legal right, seeking vindication of accusations which could, Mr. Cashman felt, jeopardize their ability to operate their business and deal with the public. He rejected the notion that the suit might in part be a device to distract the neighborhood leaders and residents from the issue of

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS AN INTERVIEW WITH TROY PERRY

Troy Perry is perhaps the most identifiable and best known homosexual public figure in America today. The founder and moderator of the Board of Elders of the Metropolitan Community Church has received even greater recognition since the publication of his autobiography, "The Lord is My Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay", last year. But for a man who has found himself quickly and thoroughly in a national limelight, the Reverend Troy Perry shows no signs of egotism or conceit. Neither does one witness any signs of exhaustion or fatigue in the man's dynamic personality. A weariness of the body would be understandable knowing the busy schedule Troy Perry keeps as his position in the Church dictates. But after meeting the man, you readily perceive that no weariness of the spirit is in him either. Troy Perry is as dedicated and fervent as ever.

Countless persons have described him as "the most beautiful person I have ever met" or in even more glowing terms. The reason he produces such testimonies is mainly one of personality. Troy Perry has that undeniably rare and coveted knack of making a person feel as though he were a life-long friend at the first meeting. He exudes confidence, concern, and more than a little Southern charm. When those qualities are united with his deep religious fervor and beliefs then he becomes almost irresistible.

In an interview with the GCN, Troy was asked whether the Metropolitan Community Church had any political affiliations or priorities. The answer was that no, the MCC does not, as a church or organization, endorse any candidate for political office, but the Church's ministers and pastors are certainly allowed to back anyone he or she sees fit. "But as long as they're riding an elephant" Troy Perry laughed, in an allusion to the Democratic Party. He is "tickled to death" by the fact that there are presently more women studying for the ministry in MCC than men. "Nine per cent of the pastors in MCC are women, and the number is rising quickly."

In Providence for last week's MCC 4th district conference, Rev. Perry took time out for a little relaxation in Providence's gay bars last Saturday night. In the Gallery, among others, he was recognized and swarmed over by gay brothers (and sisters) almost immediately. Troy enjoys the bars. He says that they are a good place to meet people and introduce them to MCC, but he certainly does not see the bars as recruiting or converting stations for his Church.

"I enjoy the four B's", Troy Perry grins. "What are the four B's?" "The bars, the baths, the beaches, and the bushes!" he answers.

His private life is nil, he will tell you, but good-naturedly. He needs an outside interest from the Church, and finds it in his work on the California Commission of Sexual Law Reform. He shakes his head incongruously and seems as though it still amazes and shocks him that two consenting adults can be put away for up to 15 years in California for "crimes against nature." He was asked about a quote from his book, that he would "close the doors to MCC whenever and if ever other churches would open their doors to gays." "It will never happen," Troy Perry claims. "The recent reform in some of the Christian churches has not yet been extended to us. We are (the MCC) a challenge to those churches. I do not see our acceptance coming readily." He says that the MCC was not formed to give homosexuals what they wanted to hear, but that simply preaching that gay is good is the basic difference between the MCC and the churches it formed from. "I do not preach that gays are the chosen people, any more than I would like to hear that we are outcasts. Most gays within the MCC are primarily evangelical, not fundamentalists. The interpretation of the Bible is the right of every individual."

Whether talking seriously about the harmony of men and women, black and white, young and old in MCC (which is evident in the services) or talking lightly about the bars, Troy Perry remains an intriguing and sincere person. It is no wonder that the MCC has grown with such tremendous leaps and bounds since its establishment just 5 years ago. You can see love of God, love of his brothers and sisters, and an overwhelming belief that Gay Is Good in Troy Perry's eyes.



The state of California has developed a new procedure for sex listings on driver's licenses because of the increasing number of Californians who have undergone sex changes operations.

The state driver's license manual has been enriched with a new paragraph explaining how the sex designation may be altered on licenses of men who become women and vice versa. The state will recognize a permanent sex change if the application is supported by a doctor's certification that such an operation has been performed.

hub elections

On Sunday night, October 28, the Homophile Union of Boston held its annual elections at St. John's Episcopal Church. Before the elections began, the announcements were made. They included mention of the Worcester Gay Conference, held the previous weekend, and the scheduled appearance of "Dapper" O'Neil, who is to address the next HUB meeting, Nov. 11. Mention was made of the May 14th trip to Rio, the New Gay Nurses' Alliance, the Christmas party planned for Dec. 15, the 1270 petition hearing, Dignity Boston, the success of the Art Cinema benefits and a letter from Michael Dukakis, gubernatorial candidate and supporter of gay rights.

The special guest was Ms. Michele Coty, this year's Miss New Hampshire. Ms. Coty's name made national news last summer when just before the Miss America Pageant she made a statement in support of liberation groups, including gay liberation.

Then the elections. Bob Dow recaptured his seat as President of HUB by a 54 to 13 margin over Rick Ross. Don Meuse is the treasurer and Art. M. is the secretary.

Bob Dow ended the meeting by thanking the election committee and thanking the membership for their support of such programs as Gay American's Day and Gay Pride Week. There will be a HUB Board Meeting at 7 pm, Friday,

Nov. 2nd.

GCN interviewed Ms. Coty after the HUB meeting; the interview will appear in next week's paper.

NOTICE

Boston City Councillor Albert L. "Dapper" O'Neil will be the featured speaker at the November 11 meeting of the Homophile Union of Boston. HUB was greatly surprised when it received a positive reply in regards to a speaking engagement from Mr. O'Neil, who is noted for his courageous stands on many issues, and recently received attention when he spoke in favor of the creation of the late Mayor James Michael Curley of Boston. Curley was the topic in the movie, "The Last Hurrah"; Councillor O'Neil was the topic of an article in BOSTON MAGAZINE earlier this year, entitled "The Last Harrumpphh".

The meeting will be held on November 11, 1973, Sunday evening, at St. John's Hall, 33 Bowdoin Street, Beacon Hill, and will begin promptly at 7:30 PM. Program Chairman David Brill announced that HUB is inviting all interested persons to attend this event, which may turn out to be one of the most memorable events to hit the gay community or the Boston political scene in a long time. Inquiries — call Robert Dow, President, Homophile Union of Boston, 536-6197.

gay academics

The Gay Academic Union of New York City is sponsoring a conference on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 23-24 in New York. Keynote speakers will be Barbara Gittings and Martin Duberman. There will be discussions on "Coming Out", "Sexism in Academia", "The Gay Movement", "Bisexuality", workshops for women who prefer all-women groups, and other meetings discussing discrimination, gay studies, gay literature, new scholarship on sexuality, and more to be announced. The conference will be held at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY, 445 West 59th St. (at Amsterdam Ave.), New York City. Registration will take place at 11:00 am on Friday Nov. 23. Registration fees are \$10.00 for teachers and others employed, and \$5.00 for students and unemployed.

The Gay Academic Union is a group of gay men and women working for gay liberation in the academic community. They oppose all forms of discrimination against women and gays within academia,

promote and encourage new approaches to the study of the gay experience, and encourage the teaching of gay studies throughout the American educational system. They hope, by combining their efforts and their knowledge in all fields, to successfully challenge the sexist myths that remain in the minds of many people as fact. They are an activist group trying to bring change where other gay liberation groups have little success. Membership by all who want to work for gay liberation in universities is welcomed. Their work of the last year culminates in this first national conference, which will offer an opportunity for gays involved in academics to discuss ways of bringing about change in the university and in the society as a whole.

All correspondence concerning the conference and the Union itself should be addressed to: The Gay Academic Union, c/o Prof. K.S. Sherrill, Box 1479, Dept. of Political Science, Hunter College, CUNY, New York City, 10021.

DRAW RITA WINNERS

First: All expenses paid night on the town with the one and only Rita, including: dinner at the elegant BU cafeteria, overlooking the Charles; orchestra seats for two at the Mass. General Emergency Room; a whirlwind tour of Boston's famed Haymarket District, highlighted by the nightly bull-dozing of left over produce; culminated by parking at the elegant Orient Heights. The entire evening chaperoned by GCN's own Ellen B. Davis.

FIRST: D. Meuse, Boston

SECOND: G. Ladue, Lynn

THIRD: L. Peer, Boston

CONSOLATION: B. Napier, Dorchester, and E. Zapanis, Zurich

Third: Brunch for two at the Meetinghouse Coffeehouse including coffee, tea, or milk, and linzer tarts, served by the famous Jay King on the Charles St. patio. Tip not included.



Consolation Prizes: Free local phone, complete with tap by the friendly local FBI bureau.

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Second: Your very own GCN tee-shirt in dynamic black on white, reproducing its award winning masthead. S, M, L, signed by the entire staff.

Bet you thought we forgot! No, it's just that we were deluded with entries, and we had to solicit the help of those old artsy elves and even a few tacky trolls to help us out — and you know how those trolls are — didn't think we'd ever get through. To make matters worse, Hennrik Van Deer (yes, the famous neo-classical Babylonian painter) was called out of the country on an emergency house-call just before the judging and left us judge-less. The tacky trolls, indignant at being left out, stole away in the dead of night with all the entries. Finally found in a hollow tree in the Common, the elves made their decisions and here they are:

"FORUM" will not appear this week so that we can bring you the results of GCN's Draw Rita Contest. "FORUM" will continue again next week in this space.





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gion of the NGMC, send all information including regional organizer and the numbers expected to be mobilized to Urbana.

4. Please send the name of any group or nominee your group or region might have for national organizer of the NGMC. The nominee should live, or plan to move to Washington immediately after the convention. →

5. If you would like to lead a workshop of any contingent or special demand for the demonstration to be presented to the convention, send in the title of the workshop, so that a room can be reserved in Lincoln Hall.
6. All locals should inform the convention center about attendance.
7. Please donate anything you can towards the building of the convention. Funds are needed.

The address of the NGMC is as follows: National Gay Mobilizing Committee, Convention Center, 284 Illini Union, Urbana, Ill. 61801.

All delegates should report, upon arrival, to the Illini Union Vending Room, which is open 24 hours a day, and which is located on the east side of the Illini Union. Housing on Friday and Saturday nights will be provided free. Pre-convention workshops will take place all Friday afternoon. There will be a rally Friday evening and later, a dance. The main body of the convention will meet between 8 and 11 am on Saturday. Another rally, dances, regional mobilizing workshops and parties will be held all Saturday night.

Please keep in communication with the convention center with all your ideas and information. This can be the best Gay convention ever held.

O.S. vs. B.B.C.A.

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the bars themselves, insisting that if any reasonable complaints were aired, the Varas would be happy to attempt to work things out with the injured parties. He did not feel that the petition of last January signed by 201 neighborhood residents was indicative of any serious feeling. State Rep. Barney Frank said the suit has no legal merit. "It's symptomatic of the total contempt the owners of the bars have for the neighborhood."

Mr. Cashman also said that the Bay Village Association had probably used the fact that the bars are gay to obtain support and give their cause additional impetus, "since no-one likes gays." He felt that the bar's being gay was probably a factor in the dislike that the bars have engendered in the neighborhood. Dr. Geoghegan said that this was not true. The Bay Village Association is an open group and any Bay Village resident can become a member with the right to vote. There is a fairly large gay community in the Bay Village area, and Dr. Geoghegan thinks there are probably between 30 and 50 members who are homosexuals. The problem, Geoghegan feels, is more one of the bars attracting young people "with certain masculinity problems" who come into the area to "beat up a faggot", an opinion to which the Arboretum murder of this summer lends some credence.

REACT!!

Elsewhere in this issue is complete information on the National Gay Mobilizing Committee's Convention the weekend of Nov. 23rd in Urbana. The convention will plan a peaceful, massive march on Washington, D.C. to call for the national repeal of all sodomy and solicitation laws as well as demanding full civil and human rights for gays.

The Governing Board of GCN has endorsed this concept and the Urbana Conference to plan it, as have many other national organizations and individuals. We feel that this can be a great opportunity to promote national gay unity, governmental attention, and beneficial publicity in national media. We say "can" because it has the potential but only will succeed with the solid support and guidance of all elements of the national community.

We encourage all New England organizations and any individuals to consider attending and/or supporting it in what ways they can.

REACTIONS:

Dear Editor,

I just realized that I am overwhelmed by Loretta Lotman, and I'm loving every minute of it. "My Dear Lari: My Dear Harriet:" was an incredible piece. I hope to see much more of Ms. Lotman's work.

In Bratherhaad,
JOHN CAMPBELL

Dear GCN,

Call this "Red, White,... and Lavender":

It was an old idea, repeated again with slightly new twist. Many of the ideas and buttons were old, but the signs and chants were new: "Watergate is no surprise. We know Nixon always lies." and "Throw the bum out!" were common chants. Some signs said, "Honk for impeachment" and passing motorists obliged by filling the air with the sound of their horns, some even raising their fists in support. Nobody gave the group as much as a glance of disapproval. Except occasionally at us.

On Saturday, October 27 at 11:30 AM, there only three people assembled outside the CSMH for the Gay Contingent of the March for Impeachment. Alan and Dan were carrying a lovely lavender banner that said, "Faggots against Sexism/Impeach the Presidency". Since there were so few of us, we decided to take the subway to Cambridge and join a group assembling at the commons there. At twelve-thirty when the march started it looked like very few people, but it soon grew to a small crowd of about 300. We marched over the Mass. Ave. bridge with less spirit than we would have liked, partly because the crowd was so small and partly because our contingent represented only 1% of that crowd. (Where were you?)

We arrived at the Boston Commons near the State House steps, where only a month ago 150 gays had gathered to make our voices heard inside the State House. There was a short rally, some speeches, and the usual plea for money. During this time we were joined by three gay brothers (John, George, and Jeff) and one sister, Barbara. The rally lasted less than an hour and then we marched through the shopping district, winding up at Haymarket. By this time, the size of the crowd had grown to exactly seven. Two purple strips of cloth were removed from Alan and Dan's banner to make five armbands for the rest of us who marched with linked arms. Spirits were high and voices were loud but unfortunately there were not enough gays to start our own chants. We would have liked to start a chant of "Faggots don't bomb dykes" but we didn't have enough support.

Generally speaking though, the march went rather well, except for a few mildly depressing incidents. One time I accidentally brushed up against a straight woman, as inevitably happens in crowd. She let out a short scream and turned to her friend, "Come on. Let's get away from these faggots."

Leslie Day



FEATURE: "COMING OUT"

by W. Emerson Smith

Friday, Oct. 26th, 6:20 PM, I climbed four flights at 419 Boylston St. to interview Nicholas Deutsch and Dr. Jane Graham about the play "Coming Out!"

The HCHS waiting room less sterile than my dentist's waiting room, found Director Nicholas Deutsch poring over a clump of papers, moulded in a cushioned chair. Director Deutsch explained that the new production of "Coming Out!" should not be confused with the 14 Boston performances of the original production given last May and June. He said "I don't want people who saw the first Boston production to think that the two plays are the same." Deutsch, chosen by the play's author Jonathan Katz for last spring's Boston production, has communicated regularly with Katz on the revisions of the play which have improved the script.

Associate Director Dr. Jane Graham entered the room as Nick outlined the main differences. Further explaining the changes, Dr. Graham said, "Nine of the ten cast members are new." They agreed that gayness and sensitivity were important factors in the casting. Graham said, "Our rehearsals incorporate workshops where the cast members sit down and talk out their personal experiences as gay people. In this play, the actors are putting their whole lives on the line."

Dr. Graham continued, "We're hoping to play more to mixed audiences and to do more in a positive way to bring gays and straights together. It is a chance for straights and gays to confront their lives emotionally, politically, and socially." She believes that the play will challenge middle class standards in dealing with the invisible people.

Deutsch delineated the two points underlying the play's revisions: 1. "Coming Out!" gives gay people a feeling of pride in their past, in their ability to survive in a healthy way. It confronts straight people with a positive model of homosexual or gay love. 2. "Coming Out!" confronts the United States with its own history, documented history, exposing the horrendous persecution of gay people comparable to the oppression of Indians and Blacks.

Dr. Graham elaborated that "We want to replace the laboratory idea of gay relationships with the many positive ones that have not been held up to the American people. This love is beautiful, real, honest love. We want to make gay love a starting point for reshaping the ways we relate to each other." The Associate Director explained that gay love is against the idea of competition which is artificially instilled

DID YOU SEE?

by Wendy Bauman and Ginny Collins

BOSTON GLOBE Oct. 27. The Associated Press reported that a man identified as a gay liberationist broke through security and appeared on NBC-TV's "Today Show" on Oct. 26. He was identified by NBC as Mark Segal, president of the Gay Raiders of Philadelphia. Segal ran into view, shouting, "I object to -" before his voice and picture were cut off. Commentator Barbara Walters explained on the air later that the man had objected to the "Sanford and Son" program on the ground that it was unfair to homosexuals.

The Boston LEDGER Oct. 26 has an article by William E. Alberts, Contributing Editor. The article, "Crackdown on prostitution vital to neighborhoods" states (among other interesting points) that Mayor White, in 1969, introduced a city ordinance making it illegal to solicit from a car. The Mayor's aim was to apprehend "white hunters" from suburbia cruising around for black women. While the ordinance remains on the books, it is not enforced by police or the court.

BOSTON GLOBE Oct. 27. In Bill Fripp's column Medley he says that a Los Angeles man Ken Garden, 32, is planning a freak city of 500,000 where anything goes. Lib City, Mr. Garden writes, will consist of "swingers", wife swappers, gay lib, the lesbian group, nudists, rock fans and all other liberated individuals and groups. Garden's Sodom and Gomorrah will be located in Riverside or San Bernadino and will be enclosed by an eight foot wall. He's looking for immigrants.

THE REAL PAPER Oct. 21. The Orson Welles Cinema is featuring "Great Ladies."

In the GAY ALTERNATIVE, issue number five, published by the Gay Alternative Collective in Philadelphia: "Item: In Boston, once the vanguard of gay liberation, most organizations have folded, the engaging magazine FAG RAG has become a sometime thing, the small core of movement people have largely limited their involvement to introspective consciousness raising. Only MCC continues to reach increasing numbers

in people." "We're taught to sublimate love with competition."

The interview ended with an historical discussion of Walt Whitman's Calamus Poems about men, and Emily Dickinson's suppressed letters to a female lover.

Deutsch and Graham's intensity of commitment is a good indication of the direction and quality of the new production of "Coming Out!" which premieres in Boston this Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at the Charles Street Meetinghouse.

of people."

Well, the people at GAY ALTERNATIVE had better do their homework! The MCC is not the only organization in town attracting gay people. Neither is FAG RAG the only publication around. From what I heard at an MCC service, Philadelphia gays are griping that the MCC is the only gay organization in Philly!

MS. MAGAZINE, Nov. issue, has a lengthy article about Jill Johnston, author of LESBIAN NATION. The getting to know Jill article gives a perspective of author-as-fragile. The article discusses Ms. Johnston's rela-

The Tag in



by Jonathan Cross

A commentary on area entertainment of gay interest

Rub-a-dub-dub

On the principle that the unexamined gay life is not worth living, I offer the following. The opinions are my own, and my intent is neither to advertise nor to condemn, but simply, to inform and (hopefully) to amuse.

I suppose there are some innocents out there who've never heard of the baths. Well, gather 'round my children; all will be made clear.

First off, nobody goes to the baths (aka "the tubs") to get clean. Scrub down, fluff dry, and sally forth, Sally. Mother Boston's two baths, the Regency and the Club LaGrange, each belong to a chain of private health clubs, and a Boston member (at about \$5 a year) is admitted to any of the Club Baths (New York, Baltimore, Minneapolis, etc.) or to the Regency's sister baths in Miami and elsewhere. Both offer soft lights, piped-in Muzak, color TV, VD testing, sandwiches, coffee, and coke machines, and a variety of doe-eyed attendants.

As to the differences - well you reach the Regency on the top floor of an old union hall on Otis Street, by the world's slowest freight elevator. Press four. The place looks a bit like a fey barracks with mirrors and potted palms, and the thirty-odd private rooms have no locks: available on a first come first served basis you might say. The steam room is tiny and pitch-black, and the communal shower's always running out of hot water at one in the morning, but the Regency has its fans, and many's the happy hour,

tions with the feminist movement, males, and her writing.

OUTLOOK, the Boston State College newspaper, has an Oct. 18 report on "changing sexuality", a panel discussion sponsored by the Campus Ministry. The panel, including Father Paul Shanley, Elaine Noble (Governor's Commission on the Status of Women and Gay-way radio), Ann Maguire (Homophile Community Health Service), and Father Tom Oddo (Dignity), discussed bisexuality, homophobia, the problems gays encounter with straight therapists, and Playboy's updated Kinsey Survey.

the fifth row

etc. The big plus is price, especially the house specials: two-for-one Tuesdays, beer-and-pizza Wednesdays, half-price Sunday afternoons, and "Dollar Night" on Mondays. Yes, friends, for ten thin dimes you can gambol the whole evening - lose your heart and find the man of your dreams behind the potted palms. This must be one of the best entertainment bargains in town. The Spartan surroundings notwithstanding, the Regency is a friendly place, with a down-at-heels, inelegant camaraderie.

The Club LaGrange has a very different feel - urban, efficient, spotless, and cold, in fact air-conditioned. A four-story wall-to-wall carpeted, tile and formica palace smack in the Combat Zone, it boasts a "Siesta Lounge," sun deck, fresh sheets, lockable doors, free hairspray, Ho-Jo-type needle showers, flatteringly dim red lights, the works. You might think that all these bourgeois amenities (and the higher nightly tab, no house specials here) would attract only tired-blood businessmen. Happily, such is not the case. After several field trips, I find I cannot generalize about the clientele at either bath. Age (18 to 60 plus) and physique (slinky to zaftig) are about equally divided - though perhaps predictably, the Regency Monday crowd tends toward the young, skinny, impoverished and hungry-eyed.

Frankly, the crowd's different every night - weekends are busy but a bit frenetic - people seem to talk more on Wednesdays and Thursdays - ya' pays ya' money and ya' takes ya' chances. But be not afraid; just smile pretty, and hold your stomach in.

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Gay Bibliography of Paperbacks

By Laura McMurry

One of the troubles with gay bibliographies until recently has been that many books have been out of print, not at the local library, and/or available only in expensive hardback editions.

In the last six months there has been a swell of offerings in paperbacks, so now anyone with a few dollars can read widely and well. The following books are all in print as of November 1973, as far as I could discover, and can be obtained through any bookstore or in some cases directly from the publisher (addresses are in BOOKS IN PRINT, a reference work in libraries and at bookstores). I have included a separate list of the "gay-is-sick" books for those interested in the analysis of homophobia. Please send any suggested additions to the author, c/o DOB, Rm. 323, 419 Boylston St., Boston.

- THE BOYS OF BOISE, 1966, John Gerassi. Collier, \$1.25. Reports on a witch hunt in Idaho in the mid fifties.
- DR. KINSEY AND THE INSTITUTE FOR SEX RESEARCH, 1972, Wardell B. Pomeroy. Signet, \$1.95. By one who worked with him.
- THE GAY CRUSADERS, 1972, Kay Tobin and Randy Wicker. Paperback, \$1.25. About the heroes and heroines of the movement.
- THE GAY LIBERATION BOOK, 1972, ed. Len Richmond and Gary No-guerra. Ramparts, \$3.95. Anthology about gay men.
- THE GAY WORLD, 1968, Martin Hoffman. Bantam, \$1.95. To be printed by Nov. 1973. Classic report on the unhappy world of many gay men and the connection to society's views.
- GREAT GAY IN THE MORNING!, 1972. The 25 to 6 Baking and Trucking Society. Times Change Press, \$1.75. By a commune of 5 gay men, 2 gay women.
- HOMOSEXUAL: OPPRESSION AND LIBERALIZATION, 1971, Dennis Al-tman. Avon, \$1.65. Readably semi-sociology.
- HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR AMONG MALES, 1967, Wainwright Churchill. Prism, \$2.45. A cross-cultural, cross-species study.
- THE LESBIAN IN AMERICA, 1965, Donald Webster Cory. Macfadden, \$.75. One of the first, not completely liberated but ahead of its time.
- LESBIAN/WOMAN, 1972, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon. Bantam, \$1.50. By a lesbian couple in the movement for two decades.
- THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD AND HE KNOWS I'M GAY, 1972, Troy Perry and Charles L. Lucas. Bantam, \$1.50. By the founder of the Metropolitan Community Church (gay-oriented).
- LOVE BETWEEN WOMEN, 1971, Charlotte Wolff. Harper Colophon, \$2.45. A psychiatrist reports her research on lesbians.
- MAURICE, 1971, E. E. Forester. Signet, \$1.50. Autobiographical fiction published after the author's death.
- ON BEING DIFFERENT, 1971, Merle Miller. Popular Library, \$.95. A noted author comes out.

- OUT OF THE CLOSETS: VOICES OF GAY LIBERATION, 1972, Karla Jay and Allen Young. Quick Fox, Inc.; distributors, \$3.95. An anthology of work by both women and men.
- PATIENCE AND SARAH, 1969, Isabel Miller. Fawcett Crest, \$.95. Modern fiction set in the 19th century.
- PATTERNS OF SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, 1951, Clellan S. Ford and Frank A. Beach. Harper Colophon, \$2.45. A pioneering cross-species study of sexual behavior.
- THE QUEEN'S VERNACULAR: A GAY LEXICON, 1972, Bruce Rodgers. Straight Arrow Press, \$3.50. Hundreds of slang terms you've never heard of, mostly male.
- SAPPHO: A NEW TRANSLATION, Mary Barnard. Univ. of Calif. Press, \$1.25.
- SAPPHO WAS A RIGHT-ON WOMAN, 1972, Sidney Abbott and Barbara Love. Stein and Day, \$1.95. A personal and political statement.
- THE SAME SEX, 1969, ed. Ralph W. Weltge. Pilgrim Press, \$3.45. An anthology of favorable religious and other writing.
- SCREENING THE SEXES: HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE MOVIES, 1972, Parker Tyler. Anchor, \$4.95.
- SEXUAL BEHAVIOR AND THE LAW, 1965, Samuel G. Kling. Pocket Books, \$.95. Somewhat out of date, covers all states.
- SEXUAL DEVIANCE, 1967, ed. John Gagnon and William Simon. Harper and Row, \$4.50.
- SOCIETY AND THE HEALTHY HOMOSEXUAL, 1972, George Weinberg. Anchor, \$1.95. A psychiatrist says homosexuality is not a sickness but a fear of it is.
- THIS IS NOT FOR YOU, 1970, Jane Rule. Popular Library, \$.95. Fiction.
- WHAT EVERY HOMOSEXUAL KNOWS, 1965, R. O. Benson. Ace, \$1.25. Gives all the logical, rational arguments on our side.

The "Gay-is-sick" Books

- CHANGING HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE MALE, 1970, Lawrence H. Hat-terer. Delta, \$2.95.
- FEMALE HOMOSEXUALITY: A PSYCHODYNAMIC STUDY OF LES-BIANISM, 1954, Frank S. Caprio. Citadel, \$2.25.
- GROWING UP STRAIGHT (what every thoughtful parent should know about homosexuality), 1968, Peter and Barbara Wyden. Signet, \$1.25.
- HOMOSEXUALITY: A PSYCHOANALYTIC STUDY OF MALE HOMOSE-XUALS, 1962, Irving Bieber et al. Vintage, \$2.45.
- HOMOSEXUALITY: DISEASE OR WAY OF LIFE?, 1965, Edmund Bergler. Collier, \$1.50.
- THE OVERT HOMOSEXUAL, 1968, Charles W. Socarides. Curtis, \$1.25.
- SOCIETY AND THE SEX VARIANT, 1955, George W. Henry. Collier, \$.95.
- STRAIGHT: A HETEROSEXUAL TALKS ABOUT HIS HOMOSEXUAL PAST, 1972, William Aaron. Bantam, \$1.50.

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gay mass

Chicago, Ill., October 21, 1973.

The mass for the gay community, sponsored by Dignity/Chicago, was celebrated here at St. Sebastian's Church. The mass today marked the third anniversary of its beginning in 1970. Father Bob, the Principal Celebrant, commented during the Homily that the community attending the mass had grown tremendously in the past three years.

The mass was followed by a buffet in the church hall given by Dignity/Chicago. The guests included: Paul Diederich, Executive Director of the Dignity National Office, and Father John McNeill, who gave the keynote address after the buffet. In his address, Father McNeill traced the development of the Jewish/Christian system of morality as regards homosexuality. He then pointed out the many avenues of new thinking on the part of modern day theologians.

In a short speech, Diederich congratulated and thanked Dignity/Chicago, Father Bob and all who had a part in the formation and continuation of this mass. His comments pointed out the fact that this mass is an alternative for the gay community and the individual. He also pointed to Dignity as an alternative, in that its religious, educational and social programs replace such things as bars, baths and outside cruising, for those who feel forced into these activities because there is nothing else. In short, he described Dignity as "Where it's at".

There were over 200 persons in attendance including members of the clergy and the straight community.

FOCUS ON

The Homophile Union of Boston by Don Meuse for HUB

The Homophile Union of Boston is a civil rights and service organization for homosexual women and men in the Greater Boston and New England area, and also a liaison and educational agent to society as a whole. It provides means for legal reform in the areas of sexual discrimination preference, and activity. It supplies referrals and up to date information on the gay community and homosexuality in general.

The Homophile Union of Boston, trusted with an assured confidential membership, has evolved from the tight confines of a private living room to the space it now occupies, rubbing shoulder-to-shoulder with the business

world. Psychiatrists politicians, public officials, priests, professors, police, people of all sorts come in contact with HUB in the course of a week. Educating the public through its speaker programs, publications, and confrontations has helped to legitimize the character, pride, and value of gay people.

How does HUB work?

HUB is comprised of a large number of paying members as well as its volunteer staff. No one receives a salary or makes any type of financial profit. Expenses are covered by dues, donations, and benefit funds. Any profit goes into a building fund for the gay community and their march for their civil rights.

HUB's membership is comprised of a variety of people. Women, men, young, mature, gay, straight, from 17 years and up. There is a choice of membership rates: basic membership, student membership, and couples membership. There are also supporting, sustaining and life memberships. These memberships run from Jan. 1st through Dec. 31st. HUB members receive publications, have voting rights, and receive benefits at many of the HUB functions.

Perhaps more than anything else, HUB has taken pride in its accomplishments in the political world. The dedicated volunteers of HUB have taken big strides in the battle to change the laws. They have learned the skill of lobbying the law makers, the skill of drawing up legislation, and the skill of educating the legislators. They have made great advances in educating the public and promoting their votes for HUB endorsed candidates. HUB also works with other public officials in its struggle to legitimize gay people.

For the past few years HUB has published reams of information about the gay community, gay liberation, and homosexuality. At present they continue to publish in the form of a magazine called the BOSTON GAYLINE and in their monthly newsletter of internal news and events. The GAYLINE, however, is a more relaxed literary publication with material of value to the entire gay community and to anyone interested in sexual liberation.

To provide a more person-to-person approach to HUB's function a number of more socially oriented programs have developed. Bi-weekly meetings consisting of a wide range of topics from speakers to special entertainment have been established. One program of exceptional success is the "rap" group, an informal, hand-in-hand relationship of people maturing into homosexuality together.

All in all, the Homophile Union of Boston serves as a supporting group to all of the other productive gay organizations, not financially, but with public and moral support. HUB has witnessed

the birth of just about every other gay group in the New England area and strives to witness and support many more.

Contact HUB at 419 Boylston Street, Room 509, Boston, Mass. 02116. 24 hour telephone at 617-536-6197.

Unitarian OGC

Last weekend a revolutionary step was taken by the Unitarian Universalist Church when a national Office of Gay Concerns was established. Henry Heimhoff, a spokesman for the Gay Caucus, said, "This means that the U.U.A. is the first American denomination which is primarily heterosexual that has committed itself to ending prejudice and discrimination within the denomination and had devised means of implementing these ends."

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Church, the resolution calling for an Office of Gay Concerns (formerly designated as the Office of Gay Affairs) was passed by an 18 to 7 margin. The function of the OGC shall be that of education and as a program resource toward the goal of:

1. Eliminating discrimination and prejudice against homosexuals in churches and ministries.
2. Promoting understanding and equality of treatment.
3. Fostering equal opportunity for homosexuals politically, socially, and economically.

The 25 board members from across the continent, along with members of the Gay Caucus, lobbying for the OGC, agreed that in order to operate, funds must be found outside of the Church's budget and that someone would be hired to head the Office.



NOTICE

The Women's History Research Center Library in Berkeley would like to publish your work. Any published or unpublished material, such as letters, poetry, essays, dissertations, books, journals, etc., will be indexed and publicized in the general source index catalogue. This catalogue is used by libraries and is seen by publishing companies across the country so you may be contacted by an interested party. The Library is the only archive dealing with world-wide material of the Women's Movement. Other services include women's studies courses and Federal Work Study Programs. Some of the publications available for research and referral are the Union Women's Alliance to Gain Equality, Feminists on Children's Media, and The Emma Willard Task Force on Education. For further information, please call GCN at 523-8729 or consult the GCN Bulletin Board.

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Sandy Szalag, another member of the Gay Caucus, said that "some very influential churches and ministries in the denomination indicated that they would withdraw support and funds as a result of the establishment of the Office."

The Gay Caucus was formed three years ago and it is due to their diligent and constant work that the Office was created. As Sandy Szalag put it, "It is a miracle that the resolution was passed. Up until the voting, we never really believed that it would be accepted." The Gay Caucus also publishes a newsletter and anyone interested in receiving it or interested in becoming a member of the Caucus should write to:

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The Emerson Homophile Society for the Arts meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm in the Emerson College Union (96 Beacon Street, Boston), Rm. 34. Watch the Quick Gay Guide for their new phone number.

The Pansy Platoon will hold its classes on Tuesday nights at 7:30 at CSMH until further notice.

CALENDAR·NOVEMBER 1-14

Please submit Calendar items to
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1	7:30PM Focus Staff meeting - DOB office 7:30PM MCC Bible Study Group - Info: 266-7491 8:00PM Gay Media Action, CSMH 8:00PM Faggot Consciousness-raising group, CSMH 9:00PM UMass-Amherst SHL mtg. 908 Campus ctr. 9:00PM Gay Way Radio, WBUR (90.9 FM) Nite: Project Place Gay Crisis Line 267-9150	thursday
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